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1. Cong. John W. McCormack (D., Mass.), the House Majority Leader, lunched with the DCI at CIA. Those present at the luncheon included the DDCI, DD/S, Acting DD/I, AD/Personnel, AD/ONE and the Legislative Counsel. The luncheon conversation was quite general, dealing largely with world conditions. During the course of the luncheon, Cong. McCormack suggested the possibility that the DCI might wish to request an appearance before the House Committee on Government Operations. (See my Memorandum for the Director on this subject dated 15 February). Prior to the luncheon, Cong. McCormack told me that neither he nor Speaker Rayburn received any briefing on the world situation or foreign affairs generally, and he told the Director that this luncheon had been the most informative gathering he had attended.

2. The Bureau of the Budget has forwarded to CIA for comment a draft bill submitted by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to provide a United States Medal of Merit for outstanding accomplishments in public affairs, social betterment, science, health and medicine, education, letters, arts, law, engineering, agriculture, labor, industry, and related fields. A copy of this bill has been sent to Robert Gaynor, Chairman, CIA Honor Awards Board for his comments, and the proposed reply will be cleared through DD/S.

3. Mr. Robert J. Corbett (R., Pa.) has introduced H.R. 3820, which is the administration proposal to amend overseas leave provisions to provide not to exceed one week of leave for each 4 months of overseas service over and above the normal leave accumulations.

4. Mr. Price, Administrative Assistant to Cong. Hillings, called me on behalf of the Congressman to extend an invitation to the DCI to address the Eighty-Second Republican Club at their breakfast meeting (0800) on Capitol Hill on 22 February. The talks are usually 15 or 20 minutes long, followed by a question period. There are 37 members of the Club, all first elected in 1950 to the 82nd Congress. Cong. Hillings is President for this year.

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